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would change that to "no person shall smoke in any state building". And as we were going through that discussion, there were some questions, not only on the floor, but also, I think, off the floor as to what this would entail. One of the questions came up, would this have jurisdiction then over the residence halls? Another question was about the regional My question was, how would this affect centers, the prisons. the veterans homes? And so, before we went any further with this, I did contact the Department of Health and Human Services. And the response I got was...is that, yes, this would have quite impact on the veterans homes because, of the medical conditions of many of the veterans, they would not be able to leave the building in order to go to a smoking section outside. residence halls, I believe, would fall under the Tyson amendment also. The regional centers currently, from what we were told, do not allow smoking in the buildings; it is outside, as well as the correctional facilities. So it does definitely impact the veterans homes, which was my concern. We drafted amendment. It is similar to 53-186, which is the statute concerning the consumption of liquor on public property. it simply says is that the...no smoking will be allow...no person shall smoke in any state building owned or operated by the state unless authorized by the governing body or agency having jurisdiction over the building, except that smoking shall be prohibited in the State Capitol building. I did this amendment with Senator Schmitt's approval. And one of the things I decided to do, instead of start parceling out different little places, was to do it this way. It seems much cleaner. It is a default position. There will be no smoking in buildings owned or operated by the state, unless the body or agency, and that was at the ... that request was made at the Bill Drafters, having jurisdiction over the building authorized that smoking. As I said, my concern was for the veterans homes. And I've had a call and the comment was made, well, they shouldn't be smoking And, yes, it is a poor health choice. But, obviously, when we...when they enlisted, we didn't tell them that was a poor health choice, and they expected the responsibility of the consequences of that action. And I feel that now they should be able to make the same choices. I have distributed a letter from the Department of Health and Human Services, which is supportive of the amendment, which gives the department adequate control to manage the state buildings, including the veterans homes,